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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:

J.P. PRIEELS et al.

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CONTAINING ADJUVANTS



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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Appellants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.102(d) and §§ 708.01 and 708.02 of the M.P.E.P. to make the above application special on the basis that the invention relates to treating HIV/AIDS.

The invention is a vaccine and a method of administering the vaccine to an animal or human. Evidence submitted with and further discussed in the Appellants' Appeal Brief filed concurrently with this petition shows that the claimed vaccine was effective in protecting 10 of 12 rhesus macaques who were exposed to chimeric SHIV. As explained in the Appeal Brief, SHIV contains the HIV antigen. Thus, the invention contributes to the treatment of HIV.

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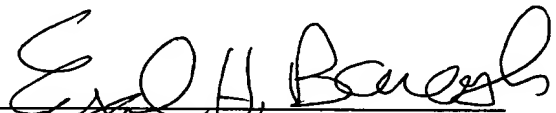
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